

R E M A R K S

Claims 1-4, 6-10 and 12-20 are now in this Application, and are presented for the Examiner's consideration.

Prior Art Rejections

Claims 1, 2, 8-11 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,632,037 to Lin et al.

The present application relates to a flexible foldable keyboard apparatus configured to communicate with a mobile telephone comprising a key defining flexible plane, an interface device configured to connect with the electrical connectors of a mobile telephone, and a telephone support. The telephone support is connected to the flexible plane in a manner to unfold from the flexible plane to present a telephone supporting configuration for a mobile telephone. After removing a secured mobile telephone, the telephone support is arranged to fold onto the flexible plane into a storage configuration, to allow the flexible plane to be wrapped around the folded telephone support.

Claims 1 and 16 have been amended to include the subject matter or allowable claim 5, which has been canceled. Support for the same can be found at least in the description accompanying Figures 3 and 4. In addition, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 11, which has been

canceled.

Since claim 5 was indicated as being allowable, and since claims 1 and 16, which now include the limitations of claim 5, are the only independent claims in the application, it is submitted that all of the claims now in the application are in condition for allowance.

Thus, claim 1 now includes the features of the telephone support including a front portion connected to a rear portion by a hinge, and the telephone support configured to receive a mobile telephone between the front portion and said rear portion only when in the telephone supporting configuration.

Lin et al discloses a keyboard apparatus, configured to communicate with a mobile telephone, having an interface device configured to connect with the electrical connectors of a mobile telephone. However, Lin et al does not disclose or even remotely suggest a telephone support including a front portion connected to a rear portion by a hinge. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that Lin et al does not disclose or suggest all the features of amended claim 1, and therefore, it is submitted that claim 1 is novel over Lin et al.

For the same reasons, it is respectfully submitted that Lin et al does not disclose all the features of claim 16, and therefore, claim 16 is also novel over Lin et al.

It will be appreciated that the present application addresses the problem of facilitating the generation of mobile telephone input data, such as text messages, without impacting upon the inherent portability of the mobile telephone. The present application provides a keyboard apparatus that is portable independently of a mobile telephone. Thus, the keyboard apparatus does not detract from the portability of the mobile telephone.

In this regard, the apparatus claimed in claim 1 includes a telephone support, having a front portion connected to a rear portion by a hinge, that is foldable between a folded storage configuration and a fully unfolded telephone supporting configuration. In the description accompanying Figure 5 of the present application, it is described that the telephone support is configured to receive a mobile telephone between the front portion and the rear portion only when the telephone support is in the telephone supporting configuration. As described in the description accompanying Figures 3 and 5, this feature functions to reduce damage to the electrical connectors of the keyboard apparatus and the electrical connectors of the mobile telephone during connection to each other. Further, this arrangement provides the telephone support with a rigid construction configured to firmly support the mobile telephone in electrical connection with the keyboard apparatus, as described in the

description accompanying Figure 4. In this way, the telephone support serves to reduce damage to the electrical connectors of the keyboard apparatus and the mobile phone both when connecting and during connection to each other.

This aspect is nowhere disclosed or suggested in Lin et al. It is therefore submitted that Lin et al does not address or suggest the provision of a telephone support having the above functionality, and therefore, it is submitted that claim 1 is non-obvious over Lin et al. Further, it is respectfully submitted that Lin et al does not address or suggest the use of a telephone support having the above functionality, and therefore, claim 16 is also non-obvious over Lin et al.

As to the dependent claims, claims 2-15 each include the subject matter of claim 1, and for the same reasons, it is therefore respectfully submitted that claims 2-15 are each novel and non-obvious over Lin et al.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 1, 2, 8-11 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), has been overcome.

Claims 12-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious from Lin et al in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,317,313 to Mosgrove et al.

Since claims 12-14 depend from amended claim 1, which includes the limitations of allowable and canceled claim 5, it is submitted that claims 12-14 are allowable for the same reasons.

The remarks made above in regard to Lin et al are incorporated herein.

Further, Mosgrove et al only relates to the power supply, and fails to cure any of the aforementioned deficiencies of Lin et al.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 12-14 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), has been overcome.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

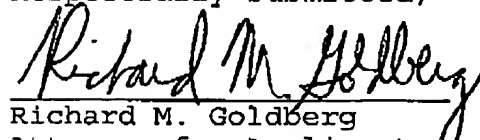
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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 1-4, 6-10 and 12-20 are allowable, and early and favorable consideration thereof is solicited.

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